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Docket No.: 0465-1031P
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Yong Cheol PARK et al.

Application No.: 10/670,462

Confirmation No.: 7385

Filed: September 26, 2003

Art Unit: 2627

For: WRITE-ONCE OPTICAL DISC, AND
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
ALLOCATING SPARE AREA ON WRITE-
ONCE OPTICAL DISC

Examiner: V. T. Pham

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
(SUBMISSION AFTER FILING OF AN APPLICATION BUT BEFORE FINAL
REJECTION OR NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE OR CONCURRENTLY WITH A RULE
1.114 RCE APPLICATION)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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- ☒ a. Copies of cited U.S. patents and patent application publications are not included.
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☐ a. DOCUMENTS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE - Some or all of the patents, publications, or other information listed on the attached PTO SB08 are in the English language and therefore, do not require a statement of relevancy.

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☒ d. OTHER - The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration. Applicants note that U.S. Patent Nos. 5,475,820; 7,379,402; 6,564,345; 6,469,978; 5,319,626 and 5,404,357 were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed July 23, 2008. Additionally, attached are Office Actions submitted in co-pending U.S. Application Nos. 10/840,264, 10/841,516 and 11/797,971.

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- ☐ a. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the filing of a new patent application; therefore, no fee is required.
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☒ g. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a Final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(1)) or before the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311 (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2)).

☒ No statement; therefore, a fee as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is attached.

or

☐ See the statement below. No fee is required.

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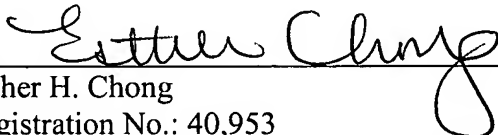
If the Examiner has any questions concerning this IDS, he/she is requested to contact the undersigned. If it is determined that this IDS has been filed under the wrong rule, the PTO is requested to consider this IDS under the proper rule and charge the appropriate fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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Dated:

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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

- ☒ PTO/SB/08
- ☒ Document
- ☐ Foreign Search Report(s)
- ☒ Fee
- ☒ Other: Copies of three (3) Office Actions issued in co-pending
U.S. Patent Applications

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LETTER

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Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

<u>Appl. No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group</u>
10/840,264	May 7, 2004	7733
10/841,516	May 10, 2007	2627
11/797,971	May 9, 2007	2186

The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

☐ Copies of cited U.S. patent application(s) (specification, claims, and the drawings) or copies of the portion(s) of the application(s) which caused it(them) to be cited, including any claims directed to such portion(s) are attached hereto.

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The above-listed co-pending application(s) is(are) not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed application(s) to the attention of the Examiner, Applicant(s) do(does) NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending application(s) or this application. See MPEP § 101. Furthermore, if said application(s) should not mature into patents, such application(s) should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.14.

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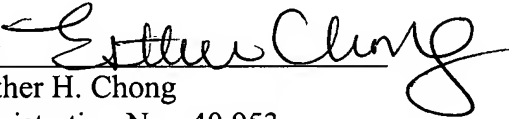
If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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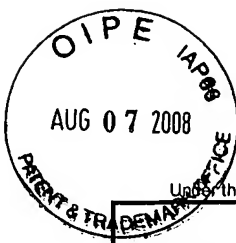
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Attachment(s)



Effective on 12/08/2004. Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).		Complete if Known	
FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2008		Application Number	10/670,462-Conf.#7385
		Filing Date	September 23, 2003
		First Named Inventor	Yong Cheol PARK
		Examiner Name	V. T. Pham
		Art Unit	2627
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27	Attorney Docket No.	0465-1031P	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT	(\$)	180.00	

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)	
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FEE CALCULATION							
1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES							
	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
		<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Small Entity</u>	
<u>Application Type</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
Utility	310	155	510	255	210	105	_____
Design	210	105	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	210	105	310	155	160	80	_____
Reissue	310	155	510	255	620	310	_____
Provisional	210	105	0	0	0	0	_____
2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES							
						<u>Small Entity</u>	
						<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>
<u>Fee Description</u>							
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)						50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)						210	105
Multiple dependent claims						370	185
<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>		<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>		
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HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.						_____	_____
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_____	_____	x _____	= _____				
HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.							
3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE							
If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$260 (\$130 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).							
<u>Total Sheets</u>	<u>Extra Sheets</u>	<u>Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof</u>		<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>		
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4. OTHER FEE(S)							
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)						<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>	
Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): <u>1806 Submission of an Information Disclosure Statement</u>						180.00	

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